



# UCD Campus Biodiversity Trail

*Take a stroll through nature*

Biodiversity is all the different kinds of life you'll find in one area - the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world.

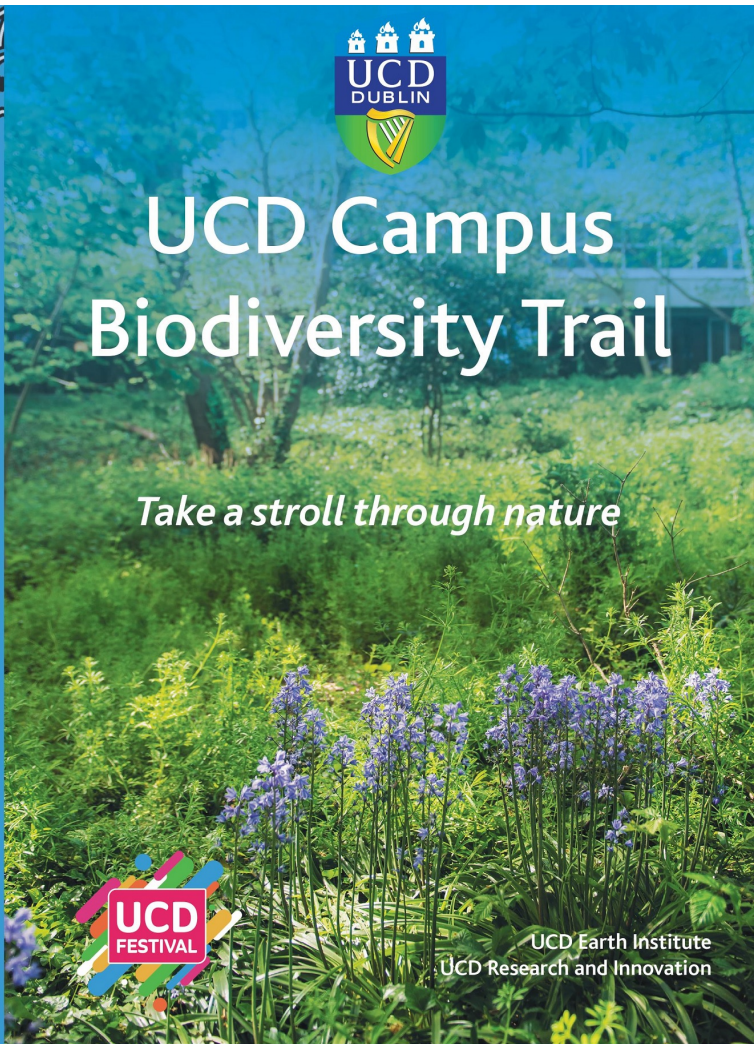
Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, like an intricate web, to maintain balance and support life. Biodiversity supports everything in nature that we need to survive: food, clean water, medicine, and shelter.

But as humans put increasing pressure on the planet, using and consuming more resources than ever before, we risk upsetting the balance of ecosystems and losing biodiversity.

Join us on this short audio trail to hear from UCD staff and researchers about how the Belfield campus is managed to support biodiversity, ongoing biodiversity research and steps you can take to support biodiversity at home.

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| 6. Dara Stanley – Pollinators and plants                          | 14. Veronica Braga – Managing the campus for biodiversity                          |
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